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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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FOR SALE.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill, Gordon & Gotoh, LTD, 4, Old Jewry, E.C., SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSEY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTOH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore, C. HEINSSEN & Co., Manila.
CHINA.—MACAO, MEESTER A. A. DE MELLO & Co., SWADEN, CAMPBELL & Co., AMY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., FOOTHILL, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.
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" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager,
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Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

NOTICE.
FROM the 1st of October,
Dr EASTLACKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCOONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Intimations.

LOST.
ABOUT the 27th or 28th Dec., an English White Poodle DOG, Female. Answers to the name of "BEAUTY." A liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, Miss GORDON.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

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NOTICE.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETTS'S DIARIES, LETTS'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.
The New Patent LIFE VESTS.
PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.
SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.
HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.
COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.
SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.
CRICKET-BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.
DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, FITTED.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Huds, SACCOME'S SHERRIES.

Hongkong, January 8, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditor.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja29

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. ja24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from This Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fel

NOTICE.

WE have ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. von PUSTAU.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fel

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fel

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fel

NOTICE.

M. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co.,

Ship Brokers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fel17

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE,

Office, Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE,

ERICH GEORG.

Pedder's Hill, No. 2,

Hongkong, January 15, 1879. fel

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANGTSE."

Commandant RABATEL will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANZIS."

Commandant De LA MARCELLE will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 20, 18

Notices to Consignees

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m., To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Iraouadid,"
G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.
No. 8.—Vol. VII.
—ON THE—"CHINA REVIEW"
CONTAINS—

Notting from the Book of Rites.
Geographical Notes on the Provinces of Kiung.
Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.
Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
The Ballads of the Shih-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Tonic and Vocal Modification in the Foochow Dialect.
Legislation and Law in Ancient China.
A Plea for "Fan-kwei".
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
Taxes on Industries in Canton.
A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles, Lamps and Fire.
Legends on Chinese Porcelain.
Tame Birds.
To make a Tui (Antithesis).
Respect This.
The Army of Kwangtung.
Gutta Percha in China.
Chinese Dialects.

"Confucius Losing a Horse in the Desert."
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6, STANLEY STREET, where Business will be Conducted as usual.
Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja28

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FONTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chines.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hermann-Siemens & Co.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

ALVARDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pitaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

HAKON ADELSTEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Captain Youxé, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 23, 1879. ja26

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Calling off the usual Coast Ports; and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY"

will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBR, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 23, 1879. ja28

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and Responsibility of the late JOHN FALCONER ROSE, in our Firm CEASED on the 21st January, 1878.

ROSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. ja29

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be Held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. ja18

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 22, *Farvel*, French barque, from Whampoa.

Jan. 23, *Baileys*, British steamer, 277, F. V. C. Goode, Taiwan Jan. 18, Amoy 20, and Swatow 21, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Jan. 23, *China*, German steamer, 648, Ackermann, Shanghai Jan. 19, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Jan. 23, *Hakon Adelstein*, Norwegian steamer, 904, O. O. Berge, Penang Jan. 10, and Singapore 16, General.—ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Jan. 23, *Florence Nightingale*, British barque, from Whampoa.

Jan. 23, *Tanais*, French steamer, 1735, de la Marcella, Yokohama Jan. 16, General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 23, *Creysser*, Russian man-of-war, from a cruise.

Jan. 23, *Normandy*, British steamer, 664, Ellis, Sydney Dec. 23, Bowen 29, Townsville 30, and Cooktown Jan. 2, General.—GIBS, LIVINGSTON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 22, *Premier*, for Rangoon.

22, *Nuovo Constante* for Manila.

22, *Glenorchy*, for Shanghai.

22, *Crayer*, Russian man-of-war, for a cruise.

21, *China*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Teucer, for Shanghai.

Wrecker, for Cap-sing-moon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Hai-long*, from Amoy, Lieut. Grear;

from Swatow, Capt. G. Pitman.

Per *Tanais*, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, Messrs Brown and servant, Nicolls, Kwong-min-wing, and A-ko; for Mar-selles, Messrs H. Kniffler, Perrussel, Guyard, and M. Reid.

Per *Hakon Adelstein*, from Penang and Singapore, Mr Graham, Mrs Brown, and 26 Chinese.

Per *China*, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

Per *Normandy*, from Australian Ports, 98 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Glenorchy*, for Shanghai, 4 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Hai-long* reports:

On the 18th inst. left Taiwanfo, in crossing Formosa Channel experienced fresh moon-noon and moderate sea to the East of Pe-sadores from thence to Amoy light N.E. airs, smooth water and dull cloudy weather.

Arrived in Amoy on the 19th. In port the S. S. *Neuchatel*, Corea, and H.M.S. *Hart*. Left Amoy on 20th, had light variable airs and thick weather, and arrived in Swatow on 21st. In Swatow S. S. *Ten-tien*. Left Swatow on 21st, had light Northerly airs and hazy weather as far South as Pedro Blanco, from thence to Nine-pins dense fog, where we were delayed 22 hours and arrived in Hongkong on 23rd.

The German steamer *China* reports: Left Shanghai on the 19th inst. at 8 a.m., arrived at Hongkong on the 23rd at 10 a.m., had fine weather and light N.E. wind as far as Ockese Island, from thence to port variable winds and dense fog; on the 22nd at 8 a.m. passed the S. S. *Yesso*, same day at 9 a.m. the S. S. *Amoy*.

The Norwegian steamer *Hakon Adelstein* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When Name From

left. Mar.

28, *Oracle*, Liverpool

30, *Bristolian*, Antwerp

June 26, *Underwriter*, Fortress Monroes

July 28, *Abbey Cooper*, Antwerp

Aug. 1, *Eury St. Edmunds*, Penarth

9, *Urania*, Penarth

Sept. 13, *Excelsior*, Hamburg

17, *James Shepherd*, London

17, *Clunrath*, Liverpool via C'diff

Oct. 16, *Jacqueline*, Liverpool

19, *Hermann*, Bremen

Nov. 2, *Jan Peter*, Maastricht

21, *Fulda*, Hamburg

23, *Rosaire*, Cardiff

Dec. 1, *Nestor* (s.), Liverpool

1, *Urania*, Penarth

1877, £108/10.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, January 26.—

noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Cali and Europe.

SUNDAY, January 26.—

Daylight.—Doughy leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, January 27.—

Goods per Glenorchy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 28.—

2 p.m.—Normandy leaves for Singapore.

2 p.m.—Sale of Effects, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sales Room.

WEDNESDAY, January 29.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household and Office Furniture, &c., at Olyphant & Co., Queen, Fras.

2 p.m.—Sale of Books.

2 p.m.—Sale of Pictures.

end of Good Island. Took up an anchorage close to the *Mecca* to offer assistance. Captain Morney reported that on the morning of the 24th, whilst going at full speed, he went on the reef, smashing the bottom in, putting the fires out, and filling the ship with water in three minutes time. The passengers, numbering 850 with the crew, 80 men, and ten tons of rice were safely landed, the balance of cargo and the ship being a total loss. Finding no further assistance was required, the *Terranora* proceeded on her voyage. At daylight on the 26th (Sunday) sighted the steamer *Ocean* ashore on the North side of Ninnan Bay. Steamed to the assistance of the vessel and proffered services to tow her off. The *Ocean* was so far unburnt, but if the wind had shifted, the vessel would be driven further on to the reef. Captain Edmonson accepting the offer, succeeded in towing her off apparently uninjured. Entered a claim for salvage, the question to be settled in Sydney. Reported the wreck of the *Mecca* to Capt. Edmonson.

The *Cooktown Herald* of Jan. 1st supplies the following additional details:—

The A.S.N. Company's chartered steamer *Mecca*, bound from Hongkong to Sydney, via Cocktown, with a valuable cargo, and 850 Chinese passengers, became a total wreck on the 24th December. The vessel was, at 6 a.m., steaming at 10 knots an hour, and went ashore on the 2 fathom patch Ipi reef, N.E. of Good Island, Torres Straits. In three minutes or so she was a total wreck. The passengers and crew were landed at Thursday Island on the 25th, and towed off at 10 a.m. The wreck of the *Mecca* having been reported to the Captain of the *Ocean*, s.s., he proceeded to Thursday Island for the purpose of bringing the passengers on. The *Ocean* was very little injured by her mishap. The Boatswain of the *Ocean*, s.s., had his arm broken while the vessel was being towed off the reef, and has been taken to Sydney for repairs. The claim of the *Terranora* against the Company for towing the *Ocean* off, will be settled in Sydney.

The *Terranora* also brings information of the grounding of the A.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Ocean*. The *Ocean* left this port at 10 a.m. on Saturday last, the 28th Dec., and at 10 p.m. the same day, grounded about N.E. of Ninnan Bay. She was sighted by the *Terranora* at daylight on the 29th, and towed off at 10 a.m. The wreck of the *Mecca* having been reported to the Captain of the *Ocean*, s.s., he proceeded to Thursday Island for the purpose of bringing the passengers on. The *Ocean* was very little injured by her mishap. The Boatswain of the *Ocean*, s.s., had his arm broken while the vessel was being towed off the reef, and has been taken to Sydney for repairs. The claim of the *Terranora* against the Company for towing the *Ocean* off, will be settled in Sydney.

Macao,
Our correspondent writes:—

The Portuguese transport *Africa*, which arrived at Macao the other day, brought 193 officers and rank and file for the Police Force. The men landed in good condition and marched off to the barracks. It was supposed that they would have come armed with the old Brown Bess, but we were fortunately in error.

The Chinese new year's festivities are now being celebrated. There are in our inner harbour an unusual number of Chinese junks, which came to our port this year to celebrate their great festival. Bonfires, crackers, and tom-toms are the order of the day.

Canton.
Jan. 22nd.

The mother of H. F. Chang, Governor of Kwangtung, died on the 18th instant. This event had been expected for several days. The Viceroy has taken over the Governor's seal of office and is therefore pro tempore, both Viceroy and Acting Governor.

H. E. Chang now goes into mourning for three years. On the expiry of this term he will proceed to Peking and again report himself for service.

THE HONG-HAM RAID.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Shek Ali, a watchman in the employ of the H. K. & Whampoa Dock Company at Hong Ham. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury—Messrs. W. W. Battles, E. Rose, and R. H. Raddecker.

Mr Ng Fuk-shang acted as Hindostane interpreter. Indian Constable No 617, sworn, deposed:—At about 11.30 p.m. I met deceased going towards the house of Ebrahim; when near the Dock we met about 60 men near the corner of the Dock. Shek Ali was in front, and I called out. When I called out 5 or 6 shots were fired at us. Shek Ali fell down at once. All the men then advanced on us. I was in the act of loading my gun when I was speared. The deceased was also speared as he lay upon the ground. I was knocked down, and whilst lying upon the ground I was speared and beaten. I made three attempts to get up, but was knocked down again. I eventually succeeded in rising and went to the Police Station.

By Mr Battles.—It is contrary to orders to have our carbines loaded whilst on duty in the village. It was a breech-loading carbine I had.

By Inspector Cameron.—Some of the thieves had their faces blackened, and some were painted white.

The dying declaration of deceased was then read.

P. C. Butlin stated that the Indian constable on duty came to the station at about 20 minutes to 12 o'clock, and reported that there were robbers in the village. I got up at once, said he, and called Indian constable No. 620. The last witness had no turban or rifle, and blood was running down his face. When I got about 20 yards from the station I recollect that I had forgotten my bayonet and went back for it. On my return the constable was not to be seen. When I got to within 20 yards of the scene of the robbery three shots were fired at me. I fired 3 shots from my revolver and then got

hind a pillar. Some men were on top of the roof firing crackers. The house was not on fire then, but shortly afterwards the roof was on fire.

Mr Creagh said that he thought it would be advisable to adjourn the case till Saturday next in order to get the evidence of the master of the shop.

The Jury intimated that they were perfectly satisfied regarding the cause of death. Mr Buttles said there was not the slightest doubt in his mind as to the cause of death, but he did not see that it was incumbent upon a Coroner's Jury to certify that the crime was murder, manslaughter or justifiable homicide. That was a question, he thought, for a jury to decide after hearing evidence.

The Coroner said it was usual for Coroners' Juries to say whether they were of opinion that the crime was murder or manslaughter.

The Jury were quite prepared to decide as to the cause of death without further evidence.

Finally a verdict was recorded as follows: That deceased met his death from a gun-shot wound inflicted by the hand of some person unknown.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

23rd January, 1879.

LARCENY.

Fong Kwing, a hawker, was sent to six months' hard labour for attempting to steal a dollar which another man had accidentally dropped. Defendant stated that he had won the dollar at a game of Fun-tan.

Chun Afuk, a seaman, was sent to six weeks' hard labour for stealing fifteen pieces of clothing, valued at \$2.50.

A GOOD CITIZEN.

Lo Akuon, a hawker, and two others, were charged with gambling in the Public Streets.

Mr P. H. Emanuel, stated that he was in a boat near the Praya when he saw a crowd, and on going ashore he saw a number of men gambling at two tables, in Scott Lane. 1st defendant was counting the cash at one of the tables, and the Constable (Indian Constable No. 540) was looking on, and walking from one table to the other quite unconcerned. After waiting for about 5 minutes to see what course the constable intended to pursue, a Parsee came up and spoke to the constable, and said he thought the (the constable) was acting as a watchman for the gamblers.

The constable spoke to the gamblers who then began to disperse. Witness then arrested the 1st defendant and two others.

Mr Creagh sentenced the 1st defendant to 4 weeks' hard labour, and the other two to three days' hard labour. The constable was fined \$7 for neglect of duty.

CAUGHT.

Chen Asz, a coolie, was charged with attempting to steal from a junk at Yowmash, and further with attempting to cut P. C. Fisher with a knife. He was committed for trial at the next Sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL".

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1879.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an extract from the New York Sun which may partially explain one of the peculiar "headings" which you noticed in your issue of last evening.

Every heading must be in "large type."

Your truly,

M. O. L.

The China Mail, speaking of the attack, says:—

"It is not only that six constables have been half murdered and a few hundred dollars carried away, but British prestige, the red rag of home politicians, has suffered. The colony has been invaded and plundered, and a vaunted police force of 600 men, supported by a regiment of her Majesty's troops, defiantly harried, not by a respectable array of Russians, but by half a hundred of wretched, rascally Chinese."

WHAT IS WHAT?

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL".

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1879.

Sir,—It must have given great satisfaction to all who have watched the progress and success of the Central School, to read the letter of "Fair Play" in your issue of Tuesday last. There was a growing desire on the part of the public to see the questions which led to such severe strictures on the inefficiency of the Teachers and consequent want of success in teaching Chemistry in that school; and now that we have seen the questions it will appear evident to every unbiased observer, that they were the very opposite of being "really very simple" or "elementary."

Was it at all likely that the boys of the Central School would define what heat is, when such men as Tyndall and Balfour Stewart studiously avoid such a definition?—the one using the term to convey an idea of a mode of motion, the other to express energy which is developed by heat. Or was it at all likely that a definition would be given of light which is only known by its effects, and no author which it has, even my private library to consult attempt a definition apart from these? Perhaps some of the "honourable and learned friends" would inform a benighted public where to find a satisfactory description of what light is. Like the words life, pain, and many others of like nature, it is not capable of definition—a blind man knows nothing of it, nor can he be made to understand what is meant by it, or of the glorious tints which it paints on nature. The questions on Tea and Rice cannot surely be given correctly. A question given to any class should always be stated with such clearness and precision that no one would mistake the object of the questioner. Both of these questions—even supposing them to be proper to be put to an elementary class, which I would emphatically deny—are neither precise, nor clear, nor on the contrary, are misleading. For even supposing that a boy knew that Starch was the principal ingredient in rice, he would be deterred from saying so by the term element, and to suppose that any elementary pupil could remember the atomicity of C. H. N. O. with a view of stating the preponderance of the one over the other, in such, or allied compounds, is expecting what no one at all acquainted with the subject would look for.

The question regarding Tea there is nothing to indicate whether it was tea or leaves or the infusion which was meant; either statement would modify the answer. If the Governor wished to know from the boys that tea was the principal ingredient in rice

and thence the essential principle of tea, why not put the question in such a manner that no one could mistake the drift of it.

What was the object of putting such questions? evidently not to test the methods of teaching, or the knowledge of the pupils, but rather, I am afraid, to attack the school, and if that were possible, to diminish public confidence in its teachers.

It offered besides an opportunity which was gladly taken advantage of to attack with evident zest the capabilities of Mr Stewart and his associates to teach chemistry. Not to speak of the heroism of attacking an absent man, I would ask you and your readers to note the honourable position of Mr Stewart when asked to teach chemistry.

—Was it to be expected that any man who had not studied chemistry since he left college could, at once begin to teach it without laborious preparation for the class-room?—but he honestly said and did so. But what is stated and instilled in His Excellency's speech? it is simply that nothing was known of the subject by the teachers until they were called upon to make this branch a part of the curriculum of the Central School.

I rejoice to know that Mr Falconer survives the attack and still enjoys the respect of his pupils and the confidence of their parents to which his zeal and abilities entitle him, and that Mr Stewart has the sympathy of a large circle of the community who agree with me in condemning the attack of His Excellency as unjust and ungenerous.

I would simply ask you, Sir, and your honourable and learned friends or any other man—Could any one undertake to teach chemistry, edit a newspaper or govern a colony without due preparation? No, Sir; without common sense; aided by honesty of purpose and laborious preparation, no one could successfully accomplish either, and such is the opinion of

ANOTHER RESIDENT.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

We have been favoured with a copy of the *Straits Times Extra* in advance of the Mail:—

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

(From Indian Papers.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The *Golos* published an article which recommends the abolition of the military administration in the Asiatic provinces and the transfer instead to the Central Government.

London, Dec. 25.—A difficulty has arisen concerning British jurisdiction in Cyprus.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The negotiations for the definitive treaty of peace between Russia and Turkey will commence at once. It is announced that Russia does not intend to exact the immediate payment of the war indemnity. When the treaty has been signed the Russian troops are to evacuate. The marriage of the Duke of Connaught, which was postponed in consequence of the death of Princess Alice, has been fixed for the 13th March 1779. Contracts 944.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—News has been received that in consequence of sufficient supplies of provisions being unobtainable at Adakai, where the British Fleet now lies, it is decided to return to Iamid.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—It is announced that General Kaufmann, is expected to arrive shortly to discuss introducing civil administration in the towns of Turkistan.

London, Jan. 1.—The published revenue returns for the quarter ending December amount to £19,000,000 showing an increase of £1,697,500 compared with last year.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Secretary of the United States' treasury holds a sum of four millions of dollars in gold to be applied to the resumption of specie payments.

Constantinople, Jan. 1.—A panic prevails here in consequence of the enormous depreciation in Caimis' Assignats.

Madras, Jan. 1.—Amongst the new year's examinations of Companions of the Indian Empire, is William Digby, Editor, *Madras Times*.

Galle, Jan. 2.—Mr A. M. Wilson, of the firm of Clark, Spence, and Co., fell from the balcony in front of the Mercantile Bank last night, and was found dead in the compound below this morning. It is supposed he fell asleep on the parapet wall and accidentally rolled over. There being no evidence, the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

London, Jan. 3.—The official correspondence respecting the reforms in Asiatic Turkey has been published. A despatch from Lord Salisbury dated Dec. 4th states that the concessions made by the Sublime Porte, although not altogether consistent with the English scheme of reforms, yet on account of the jealousy they exhibited towards the assistance of Europeans, they did not constitute an adequate instalment of reforms proposed.

Now has been received that whilst the Thunderer was lying at Iamid a terrible accident occurred, resulting in loss of life. A gun burst, the result being that seven men were killed and 40 wounded. The turr in which the gun was placed was completely destroyed. Consuls closed 958.

London, Jan. 3.—The Assembly was opened to-day. The King, addressing the two chambers, announced that a treaty has been concluded with England for the construction of a railway connecting Goa with British India. The 29th regiment is ordered to India. Consuls closed 958.

Aden, Jan. 4.—S. S. *Vortigern*, from Marseilles to Zanzibar, wrecked on Rasul ulul Guardafui, crew and passengers saved.

Bombay, Dec. 30.—Messrs. Nursey Ken-sowji and Co. have failed withabilities upon the Afghan War. A motion by Viscount Cranbrook in the House of Lords to effect that the revenues of India should be applied to defray the expenses of the military operations, has been carried by a large majority. In the House of Commons Mr Whitbread has proposed an amendment to the Address:—"That this House disapproves the conduct of Her Majesty's Government which has resulted in the war with Afghanistan." The debate, which commenced on the 9th inst., is still in progress.

Navy and Military.—The appointment of Captain T. M. Smith as Commodore at Hong Kong is notified. The *Firebrand* gunboat has been commissioned for the African station. The *Dunrobin Castle* has sailed with reinforcements for the Cape.

The charge against Lady Gooch and her attendant has been dismissed by the grand jury of the Central Criminal Court. The annual cattle show has been held at the Agricultural Hall. The weather has become extremely cold, severe frost prevailing throughout the country.

THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Jellalabad, Dec. 22.—Jellalabad was occupied by Sir Sam Browne's force this morning at 11 a.m. The troops which marched in consisted of the 10th Hussars, some Guides, I.O.R. H. A., and General Macpherson's infantry brigade. The town is small and square; many of the houses were open; the people were friendly. There was no resistance whatever. A site for a cantonment had been chosen between the town and the river. The force started from Ali Boghan this morning at 9 a.m., accompanied by Major Cavagnari and some of the Khanes.

Bombay, Dec. 28.—A Rawal Pindas correspondent says that it is reported that Yakob Khan has surrendered conditional and is coming to Jellalabad to negotiate with Major Cavagnari. The war is regarded at an end. General Roberts telegraphs that the telegraph line is complete and in working order as far as Fort Kurram. Some Mangal headmen have come in, and seem to be pleased with their reception. Reports from Quetta state that the present garrison of Kandahar is very small, but there are rumours of its being reinforced from Herat.

Hazar Pir, Dec. 29.—Probably on 1st January General Roberts will march through the Khost country, accompanied by a small force. On Thursday General Roberts held a durbar at Koorm with the principal Khane, Malik, and headmen of Koorm Valley and the country extending over the Po-i-Pir and as far as Ali Khel.

Tone who had done good service received ban some turbans and robes of honour, and those who had been remiss were admonished. The General made an important political declaration to the effect that henceforth the Queen must be looked to by the tribes and not the Amur, whose rule had passed away for ever from the Koorm Valley. It was difficult to say in what precise form the British government would take, but the great act was clear that the Amur's rule had been destroyed.

Those who assisted would be loyally remembered by the British Government.

He warned those who were not disposed to assist, but to make mischief and create obstacles, that the British Government is powerful enough and determined to punish them. Captain Ronnick has been appointed political officer to assist the tribes in their new relations with the British Government. On Friday morning the Koorm camp was broken up. Some of the troops are gone to winter quarters at Habib Killa, and others to Koorm and Thull. General Roberts marched to Ibrahimzai on Friday, and Hazar Pir yesterday.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1879 at Noon, the Company's S.S. IRACOUDDY, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent,

Hongkong, January 14, 1879. *fe 25*STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY.ALSO.
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
PEKIN, Captain W. WOOLCOCK, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 1st February,
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silks and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOYER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. *fe 1*Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
andUNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 8, 1879. *fe 4*

Intimations.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or
Papers will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point,
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's
day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of twice
as heretofore. No change, how-
ever, will be made in the price of subscription,
which will remain at \$4 per annum.The charges for advertisements are now
assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail.
The unusual success which has attended
the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable
medium for advertisers.The Conductors guarantee an eventual
circulation of one thousand copies. It is
already the most influential native journal
published, and enjoys considerable prestige
at the Ports of China and Japan, and at
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Fran-
cisco and Australia.

White Metal Office,

To Let.

TO BE LET.

HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zetland Street,
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES AND GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
Praya Central.Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East.FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.Also,
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments
of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-
venience. Fine spacious Verandas looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD; close to
the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & CO.,
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.Apply to
TURNER & CO.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Under-signed having been assumed by
the Chinese Mail (Wah Tsze Yat Po),
ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debts prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AIYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUH,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new régime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.KONG OHM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-named
Company, are prepared to Grant
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate
Discount of 20 per cent.Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply toARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent,

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Insurances.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.Guarantee Funds of the
Company's Reinsurers, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, 6,000,000Premiums and Interest
for 1877, 5,157,643
Reserves, 1,666,122Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763
Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,924,607,681THE Undersigned having been Appointed
AGENTS GENERAL for the
above Company, are prepared to grant
Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on
First-class Risks at Current Rates.GROSSMANN & CO.,
Agents General,Hongkong, January 1879. *fe 18*THE AGENCY of the above Company
at this Port and at Foochow has
This Day been Transferred to the Under-
signed, who are prepared to accept Risks
and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & CO.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. *fe 19*THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY,
LONDON.THE AGENCY of the above Company
at this Port and at Foochow has
This Day been Transferred to the Under-
signed, who are prepared to accept Risks
and grant Policies at Current Rates.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879. *fe 20*THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary,Hongkong, November 1, 1879. *fe 21*

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling

of which is paid up £ 100,000 "

Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "

Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE, to the extent of
£100,000 on any Building, or on
Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.GILMAN & CO.,
Agents,

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

Jan. 17, 1879.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Appin British

Bayan Chinese

Fly British

Iron Duke British

Lapwing British

Magpie British

Marques del Duero Spanish

Meanees British

Victor Emanuel British

Armidale French

Bayan Chinese

Fly British

Iron Duke British

Lapwing British

Magpie British

Marques del Duero Spanish

Meanees British

Victor Emanuel British

Kiang-ping Chinese</div